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Second session

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Annotations

1. Opening of the session

The second session of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities will open at United Nations Headquarters on the morning of Monday, 16 June 2003.

2. Election of a new member of the Bureau

To complete its Bureau, the Committee will be called upon to elect a Vice-Chairman from the group of Eastern European States.

3. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, at its first meeting, the Committee will be called upon to adopt the provisional agenda for its second session.

4. Organization of work

The proposed organization of work for the second session of the Committee is contained in document A/AC.265/2003/L__.

5. Review of progress in the elaboration of a comprehensive and integral international convention on the protection and promotion of the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities

In its resolution 57/229, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Committee at its second session a comprehensive report on the views submitted on the proposals for a convention. In the same resolution, the Assembly also encouraged States to hold meetings and seminars to contribute to the work of the Committee, and invited regional commissions and intergovernmental organizations, within their respective mandates, as well as non-governmental organizations, national disability and human rights institutions and independent experts with an interest in the matter, to make available to the Committee suggestions and possible elements to be considered in proposals for a convention.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the views submitted by Governments, intergovernmental organizations and United Nations bodies concerning a comprehensive and integral international convention on the protection and promotion of the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities (A/AC.265/2003/__)

Report of the Secretary-General on an overview of issues and trends related to the advancement of persons with disabilities (A/AC.265/2003/2)

Report of the Secretary-General on progress in the equalization of opportunities by, for and with persons with disabilities (A/AC.265/2003/3)

Report of the Secretary-General on issues and emerging trends related to the advancement of persons with disabilities (A/AC.265/2003/1)

In addition, the outcomes of technical meetings and seminars held in response to the request of the Assembly will be made available to the Committee.

6. Panel discussions on priority themes

In the report on its first session (A/57/357), the Committee invited its Bureau to organize, at its second session, panel discussions on key thematic issues, with the participation of experts and United Nations organizations. The panels are organized by the Secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau of the Committee.

7. Debate on the contributions to proposals for a convention

In its resolution 57/229, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member States, observer States, relevant bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, including relevant human rights treaty bodies and the Special Rapporteur on disability of the Commission for Social Development, concerning proposals for a convention, including questions relating to its nature and structure and the elements to be considered, such as the work done in the field of social development, human rights and non-discrimination, as well as issues of follow-up and monitoring and the complementarity between a new instrument and existing instruments.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the views submitted by Governments, intergovernmental organizations and United Nations bodies and organizations on a comprehensive and integral international convention on the protection and promotion of the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities (A/AC.265/2003/__).